



Baghdad Police Academy trains new officers for new Iraq

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BAGHDAD, Iraq -- The Baghdad Police Academy introduced the next generation of the city's police officers to the Iraqi people and the world during "media day" activities Feb. 24.

Members of the Iraqi and international media had an opportunity to observe police cadets' training and meet some of the new Iraqi Police Service officers. They also had an opportunity learn more about the Iraqi Police Service.

They also met the academy's instructors which include Soldiers from Task Force 1st Armored Division's 415th Military Police Company.

The goal of the visit is to give the press opportunities to see the training taking place at the academy, said Melvin J Goudie, the academy's director. The media also had the opportunity to see the cadets at the shooting range, classroom, and other training areas.

According to Col. Hussein Mehdi, academy's dean, the cadets' training program includes an eight-week basic program conducted at the Baghdad Police Academy or at the International Police Training Center in Jordan.

The goal of the training is to introduce and reinforce future police officers' knowledge and understanding of human rights, democratic police principles, and modern policing techniques, he said. Also included are classes covering personal freedoms, gender issues, diversity awareness, rights of children and juveniles, searches, Iraqi criminal law and police procedures and the laws governing arrest.

Coursework also covers international law, basic firearms training, search tactics, patrol procedures, civil disturbance management, physical fitness, self-defense and domestic violence.

Optional courses include classes on interviewing and reporting skills, mine awareness and first aid, Goudie said.

Once their work in the academy is completed, the police cadets also receive field training where they undergo an additional 24-week program led by senior Iraqi and international police officers, Mehdi said. To prepare the cadets for their first



A Military Policeman from the 415th Military Police Co., leads Iraqi Police Service cadets in some push-ups at the Baghdad Police Academy. MPs from Task Force 1st Armored Division are the lead instructors in the cadet's eight week training. Combat Camera photo.

assignments, they complete an internship as part of the Transition Integration Program, Mehdi said.

"Approximately 2,500 officers have completed TIP training," he said.

Additionally, police officers currently serving on the force are required to take a three-week training program focusing on international standards on human rights, modern policing techniques and Iraqi criminal law and procedures, Mehdi said.

During training, recruits receive a salary of \$50 per month. Upon graduation, the officers' salary increases to \$60 per month. In addition to their monthly salary, IPS recruits and officers receive hazardous duty pay of \$86 per month.

The academy has 940 recruits currently in training, Mehdi said. The current class is made up of 93.4 percent male and 6.6 percent female cadets.

"It is a great opportunity for Iraqi women to prove themselves by joining the police service," said cadet Huda Thamer. "I am ready to fight the terrorists and participate in bringing peace to my country."

NEWS...

Two Americans, Translator Killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Gunmen posing as police at a makeshift checkpoint south of Baghdad killed two American civilians and their Iraqi translator - all employees of the U.S.-led coalition, U.S. officials said Wednesday. In the northern town of Kirkuk, gunmen wounded three American soldiers near a stadium, the U.S. military said.

Israeli, Palestinian Leaders Plan Summit

JERUSALEM (AP) - The Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers have rescheduled a much-delayed first summit meeting for next week and will take up issues ranging from Israel's planned pullout from Gaza to attempts to restart the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan. Also, Israeli undercover units killed five Palestinians - at least four of them armed militants - in a raid in the West Bank town of Jenin.

Marines Kill Two Haitians in Gun Battles

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - U.S. Marines shot and killed at least two gunmen who opened fire near the private residence of Haiti's outgoing prime minister. It was the third fatal shooting by U.S. Marines in three days. On Sunday, they killed an alleged gunman who opened fire on a demonstration, and on Monday they fatally shot a driver speeding toward a checkpoint.

Teenage Sniper Malvo Gets Life Sentence

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) - Teenage sniper Lee Boyd Malvo was sentenced to life in prison without parole Wednesday for an October 2002 killing spree in the Washington, D.C., area that left 10 people dead.

Malvo, 19, was sentenced a day after sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad was given the death penalty. Malvo did not speak at the brief hearing.

Internet Providers Sue Hundreds for Spam

WASHINGTON (AP) - Some of the nation's largest Internet providers, in an unusual joint effort, said Wednesday they filed six lawsuits against hundreds of people who were accused of sending millions of unwanted e-mails in violation of the new U.S. law against "spam."

The legal actions by Microsoft Corp., America Online Inc., Earthlink Inc. and Yahoo! Inc., represent the first major industry actions under the "can spam" legislation that went into effect Jan. 1. The lawsuits, filed in federal courts in California, Georgia, Virginia and Washington state, were announced at a news conference.

Thought for the day...

"Discipline"

On February 29, 1852, Her Majesty Troop Ship Birkenhead was approaching South Africa with soldiers of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and about 300 women and children taking passage as families of servicemen. Near Danger Point, the ship ran into a rock and began to sink.

Assembling the troops on deck, Capt. Wright told the men to stand fast so that they would not endanger the women and children by overloading the lifeboats. As the life boats pulled away from the side, the men stood in formation on deck, four deep, eyes front, as the ship broke up and sank beneath their feet.

There were 638 passengers aboard that night, although only a handful of army contingent survived, every woman and child made it safely to shore.

Sports...

McCain Criticizes Baseball Over Steroids

By FREDERIC J. FROMMER, Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Major league baseball has a "legitimacy problem" because of suspicions about steroid use among players, Sen. John McCain said Wednesday in urging the sport to institute a stronger drug testing program.

"Sports organizations that allow athletes to cheat through weak drug testing regimes are aiding and abetting cheaters," McCain, R-Ariz., said.

"Each of you, and particularly major league baseball, has a legitimacy problem," he said, addressing top baseball and football officials in attendance. "As your athletes get bigger and stronger, the credibility of your product in the eyes of the public gets weaker."

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and players' union head Donald Fehr were scheduled to testify, along with National Football League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and NFL players' union chief Gene Upshaw.

In his prepared remarks, Selig said major league baseball would like to have stronger testing but couldn't get the union to agree.

The committee also is examining legislation sponsored by Sen. Joe Biden that would ban over-the-counter sales of androstenedione, a steroid-like supplement that Mark McGwire used the year he broke the single-season home run mark, and the newly detected steroid THG.

Biden criticized the players union for resisting stronger testing for steroids.

"The union's wrong, here," said Biden, D-Del. "There's something simply un-American about this," he added. "This is about values, about culture, it's about who we define ourselves to be."

Biden said that as a former college athlete, he takes the issue personally.

"I find myself angry, angry, in my gut," Biden said.

Last year, 5 to 7 percent of players tested positive for steroids, even though they knew when the tests were coming. That level triggered more tests later this year, although a player won't face a year's suspension until a fifth offense.

The NFL, by contrast, has a year-round random testing program for players and imposes immediate suspensions on those who test positive for banned substances.

Baseball players have gotten larger and stronger in the last 10 years as the game's signature power play - the home run - became much more common. Some believe players have taken illegal drugs to boost their performances and cash in on huge contracts available to the game's premier power hitters.

The suspicion that some of the game's greats are using steroids has loomed over spring training this year.

The San Francisco Chronicle, quoting information it said was provided to federal investigators, reported last week that steroids were given to San Francisco Giants star Barry Bonds, who broke McGwire's record in 2001; New York Yankees stars Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield; three other major leaguers; and one NFL player. Bonds, Giambi and Sheffield have denied using steroids.

That report came out of a grand jury investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. Last month, two company executives, along with Bonds' trainer and a track coach, were charged with supplying steroids to athletes.

Some players have said they want a stronger testing program. Last month, Atlanta Braves All-Star reliever John Smoltz recommended tougher testing, saying the game's integrity was at stake.

"There's a way they should do tests," he said. "Do them the way they should be done - not a platform that's just a smoke screen."

Today in History...

March 11, 1942: MACARTHUR LEAVES CORREGIDOR

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) After struggling against great odds to save the Philippines from Japanese conquest, U.S. General Douglas MacArthur abandons the island fortress of Corregidor under orders from President Franklin Roosevelt. Left behind at Corregidor and on the Bataan Peninsula were 90,000 American and Filipino troops, who, lacking food, supplies, and support, would soon succumb to the Japanese offensive.

After leaving Corregidor, MacArthur and his family traveled by boat 560 miles to the Philippine island of Mindanao, braving mines, rough seas, and the Japanese Navy. At the end of the hair-raising 35-hour journey, MacArthur told the boat commander, John D. Bulkeley, "You've taken me out of the jaws of death, and I won't forget it." On March 17, the general and his family boarded a B-17 Flying Fortress for Northern Australia. He then took another aircraft and a long train ride down to Melbourne. During this journey, he was informed that there were far fewer Allied troops in Australia than he had hoped. Relief of his forces trapped in the Philippines would not be forthcoming.

Deeply disappointed, he issued a statement to the press in which he promised his men and the people of the Philippines, "I shall return." The promise would become his mantra during the next two and a half years, and he would repeat it often in public appearances.

For his valiant defense of the Philippines, MacArthur was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and celebrated as "America's First Soldier." Put in command of Allied forces in the Southwestern Pacific, his first duty was conducting the defense of Australia. Meanwhile, in the Philippines, Bataan fell in April, and the 70,000 American and Filipino soldiers captured there were forced to undertake a death march in which at least 7,000 perished. Then, in May, Corregidor surrendered, and 15,000 more Americans and Filipinos were captured. The Philippines--MacArthur's adopted home--were lost, and the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff had no immediate plans for their liberation.

After the U.S. victory at the Battle of Midway in June 1942, most Allied resources in the Pacific went to U.S. Admiral Chester Nimitz, who as commander of the Pacific Fleet planned a more direct route to Japan than via the Philippines. Unperturbed, MacArthur launched a major offensive in New Guinea, winning a string of victories with his limited forces. By September 1944, he was poised to launch an invasion of the Philippines, but he needed the support of Nimitz's Pacific Fleet. After a period of indecision about whether to invade the Philippines or Formosa, the Joint Chiefs put their support behind MacArthur's plan, which logistically could be carried out sooner than a Formosa invasion.

On October 20, 1944, a few hours after his troops landed, MacArthur waded ashore onto the Philippine island of Leyte. That day, he made a radio broadcast in which he declared, "People of the Philippines, I have returned!" In January 1945, his forces invaded the main Philippine island of Luzon. In February, Japanese forces at Bataan were cut off, and Corregidor was captured. Manila, the Philippine capital, fell in March, and in June MacArthur announced his offensive operations on Luzon to be at an end; although scattered Japanese resistance continued until the end of the war in August. Only one-third of the men MacArthur left behind on March 11, 1942, survived to see his return. "I'm a little late," he told them, "but we finally came."



BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM 1



REDEPLOYMENT PRAYER BREAKFAST

WHERE: NORTH END OF BOB HOPE DFAC

WHEN: 0700, 18 MARCH

SPEAKER: BG CURTIS SCAPARROTTI

The Old Ironsides Report

March 11, 2004

myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004				As of: Wednesday, March 10, 2004 8:49:22 PM		
Start Time		ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC		Start Time
00:00	SPORTS	HEADLINE NEWS	SECRETS OF WAR (TVPG): - WOMEN SPIES OF WWII	TODAY	NEWS	00:00
00:30	SPORTSCENTER	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):			YOUR CORPS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		JOAN OF ARC (TVPG): - (PT. 1)		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - CUSA CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND: TULANE VS CHARLOTTE	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND: WEST VIRGINIA VS NOTRE DAME	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - TO BE, OTTO NOT TO BE/ REGGIE/ REGINA	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (TVY): - I WAS JUST THINKING	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - THE BIG PROBLEM/ POWER MAD	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BRUSH WITH GREATNESS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - AN EARLY SPRING			04:30
05:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - CUSA CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND: TCU VS MARQUETTE	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND: VILLANOVA VS SETON HALL	DHARMA & GREG (TV14): - MAD SECRETARIES AND ENGLISHMEN	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30			MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - HE SAID, SHE SAID			05:30
06:00			THE WEST WING (TVPG): - STIRRED	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	KEN BURNS' HISTORY OF JAZZ - THE ADVENTURE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		07:25
07:30	SPORTSCENTER	ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	KEN BURNS' HISTORY OF JAZZ - A MASTERPIECE BY MIDNIGHT		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		08:13
08:30	NBA FASTBREAK	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
08:45	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT					08:45
09:00		SESAME STREET	JOAN OF ARC (TVPG): - (PT. 2)	DISNEY'S 101 DALMATIONS (TVG): - THE GOOD-BYE CHICK	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	TOTALLY NASCAR			HEY ARNOLD! (TVY): - CURLY SNAPS/ PRE-TEEN SCREAM		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (TVY): - I WAS JUST THINKING		POKEMON: JOHTO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		JACKIE CHAN ADVENTURES (TVY7): - JADE TIMES JADE		10:30
11:00	NHL - LOS ANGELES KINGS @ PHOENIX COYOTES	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - TO BE, OTTO NOT TO BE/ REGGIE/ REGINA	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - THE BIG PROBLEM/ POWER MAD	HEADLINE NEWS	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BRUSH WITH GREATNESS	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - AN EARLY SPRING	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):	FRIENDS (TVPG): - THE ONE WHERE RACHEL'S SISTER BABYSITS[45MINS]	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
13:25				GOOD MORNING MIAMI (TVPG): - ONE FLU OVER THE CUCKOLD'S NEST		13:25
13:30	SPORTSCENTER					13:30
13:50				REEL TIME		13:50
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - STIRRED	EXTREME MAKEOVER (TVPG): - DANA AND JACQUI	60 MINUTES II	14:00
14:30	ESPNEWS	JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				14:30
15:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NORTHEAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP: CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE @ MONMOUTH	TODAY	KEN BURNS' HISTORY OF JAZZ - THE ADVENTURE	E.R. (TVPG): - SHIFTS HAPPEN	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			KEN BURNS' HISTORY OF JAZZ - A MASTERPIECE BY MIDNIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		16:30
17:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG SKY CHAMPIONSHIP	DISNEY'S 101 DALMATIONS (TVG): - THE GOOD-BYE CHICK	JOAN OF ARC (TVPG): - (PT. 2)		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		HEY ARNOLD! (TVY): - CURLY SNAPS/ PRE-TEEN SCREAM		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		POKEMON: JOHTO LEAGUE CHAMPIONS			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		JACKIE CHAN ADVENTURES (TVY7): - JADE TIMES JADE		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - TO BE, OTTO NOT TO BE/ REGGIE/ REGINA	THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - THE BIG PROBLEM/ POWER MAD			19:30
20:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND: OHIO STATE VS INDIANA	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BRUSH WITH GREATNESS		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - AN EARLY SPRING			20:30
20:45				BACK TO THE FUTURE		20:45
21:00		FRIENDS (TVPG): - THE ONE WHERE RACHEL'S SISTER BABYSITS[45MINS]	AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):		60 MINUTES II	21:00
21:25		GOOD MORNING MIAMI (TVPG): - ONE FLU OVER THE CUCKOLD'S NEST				21:25
21:50		REEL TIME				21:50
22:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND: MINNESOTA VS PURDUE	EXTREME MAKEOVER (TVPG): - DANA AND JACQUI	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - STIRRED		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00		E.R. (TVPG): - SHIFTS HAPPEN	KEN BURNS' HISTORY OF JAZZ - THE ADVENTURE	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30